

## **Sex Offender Classification Board Meeting**

### **Minutes**

October 7, 2005 – 9:00 a.m.

**Present:** Thomas Hearn - chair, Gary Horton, Pamela Huntsman and Moscelene Sunderland, members; Kathy Baird, assistant.

**Guest:** Director Tom Beauclair.

#### **Minutes Approval**

Minutes of the following meeting were reviewed:

- August 26, 2005 regular meeting.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PAMELA HUNTSMAN TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 26TH MINUTES AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY GARY HORTON AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### **Budget Update – Kathy Baird, SOCB Assistant**

Approximately 50% of the board's operating funds are expended, largely due to travel and training costs.

- Board members discussed whether it is appropriate for members who elect to receive stipend payments for board meetings, to also receive such payments for other activities (e.g. meetings and presentations) when specifically representing the SOCB. The board agreed this would be appropriate, and approved the action unanimously.

#### **NCNIES Conference Recap**

Ms. Huntsman, Ms. Baird, and Dr. Horton attended the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Sex Offender Registration, Community Notification and Sex Offense Related Issues, in Seattle, WA.

- Dr. Horton and Ms. Baird also met with staff from the WA Department of Correction End of Sentence Review Committee regarding sex offender risk level and civil commitment procedures.
- It is suggested that community notification be handled through community education meetings vs. door-to-door pamphlets.
- There is an underground movement for child pornography that involves international slave-trading/selling children for exploitation.
- Board members discussed Washington's sex offender registration level system.
  - If Idaho were to adopt such a system, one idea is to have 3 risk levels plus the VSP designation.
  - Offenders' risk levels could later be modified when appropriate, except for VSP's.
  - If the SOCB is charged with handling such a system, we will need additional money and staff.
  - The board should be prepared to discuss the topic of sex offender registration risk levels during the coming legislative session.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PAMELA HUNTSMAN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING TO EXECUTIVE SESSION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MOSCELENE SUNDERLAND, AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **Executive Session**

- Legal review, pursuant to I.C. 67-2345 (1)(f).
- Sex offender case review, pursuant to I.C. 67-2345 (1)(h) and I.C. 18-8315.
  - Inmate Christopher Miranda, #32158 was designated as a violent sexual predator.
  - Inmate Donovan Carlson, #64574 was designated as a violent sexual predator.

The meeting returned to regular session.

### **Discussion with Director Beauclair**

Mr. Beauclair complimented Chairman Hearn on his presentation at the Criminal Justice Commission meeting in September.

- The commission is formulating ideas to address specific criminal populations/issues to present to the Governor. They will make suggestions for immediate and long-term actions.
- Decisions made by the commission may be impacted when a new Governor is elected next year.
- Mr. Beauclair expressed pleasure with the department's changes to address offender mental health. With the hiring of Dr. Mary Perrien, there will be a movement toward mental health intervention vs. disciplinary measures.
- The department is reviewing the possibility of contracting a 400-bed community facility that would provide drug/alcohol treatment program for offenders. These types of facilities have also been utilized in other areas to provide intensive sex offender treatment.
- Mr. Hearn raised the topic of a risk level system for sex offender registration. Mr. Beauclair emphasized the need and requirements of additional funding to implement such a measure; it cannot be accomplished without funding.

THE MEETING RESUMED EXECUTIVE SESSION.

### **Executive Session**

- Psychosexual Evaluator Certification application reviews.
  - 2 applications were reviewed and approved for certification.

### **Miscellaneous Business**

- The board will conduct a conference call on 11/9/05 at 1:00 p.m.
- The board will meet again on Friday, 12/9/05.

The meeting was concluded at 12:45 p.m.

Submitted by:  
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